

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 05371 211731Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07
FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02
OPIC-03 SP-02 LAB-04 EPG-02 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05
SS-15 STR-04 CEA-01 PA-01 PRS-01 L-03 H-01
EURE-00 OES-07 ERDA-05 PM-04 DODE-00 ACDA-07
FEAE-00 IO-13 /130 W
-----029940 211738Z /40

P 211724Z JUN 77
FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3886
INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO
AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
USLO PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 05371

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ECON, EIND, EINV, PFOR, JA, CA
SUBJECT: CANADA-JAPAN ECONOMIC MEETINGS, JUNE 13-14

REF: OTTAWA 5164

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: VANCOUVER MEETING JUNE 13-14 OF
CANADA-JAPAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WITH RESPECTIVE
FONMINS LEADING DELEGATIONS, PRODUCED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS,
MANY OF THEM VAGUE, ON WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS. JAPAN
FONMIN HATOYAMA BECAME EMOTIONAL ONLY WHEN EXPRESSING CON-
CERN OVER US WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM KOREA. DESPITE
PREDOMINANCE OF GENERALITIES AT SESSIONS, GOC CONSIDERS
MEETING SUCCESSFUL SINCE EXCHANGES SHOWED INCREASED UNDER-
STANDING ON BOTH SIDES. END SUMMARY.

2. WHITTLETON, DIR, NORTHEAST ASIAN DIVISION, DEPARTMENT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 05371 211731Z

OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF), GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING IM-
PRESSIONS OF JUNE 13-14 VANCOUVER MEETINGS OF CANADA-
JAPAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WHOSE ESTABLISHMENT WAS
AGREED TO DURING PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO TOKYO
LAST OCTOBER. DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY EXTAFF MIN JAMIESON
AND JAPANESE FONMIN HATOYAMA. COPY OF JAMIESON SPEECH TO
MEETING POUCHED TO EUR/CAN, EA/J, AND COMMERCE (OIM/

FERNANDEZ). URANIUM SUPPLY DISCUSSIONS, WHICH WERE AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF MEETINGS, WERE REPORTED IN REFTTEL.

3. SESSIONS WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS: BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN JAMIESON AND HATOYAMA, PLENARY MEETING OF DELEGATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL WORKING GROUPS ON ENERGY AND RESOURCES; AGRICULTURE; AND SECONDARY MANUFACTURING.

4. JAMIESON-HATOYAMA BILATERALS INCLUDED TOUR D'HORIZON OF ASIAN POLITICAL ISSUES WITH HATOYAMA APPARENTLY LONG ON DESCRIPTION OF PARTICULAR SITUATION, BUT SHORT ON JAPANESE VIEWS OR POSITIONS. ONLY ON KOREA DID HATOYAMA DROP EXPRESSIONLESS PRESENTATION AND BECOME EMOTIONAL. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT US INTENTION TO PULL OUT GROUND TROOPS. JAMIESON REPLIED THAT US COULD MAINTAIN COMMITMENT TO KOREA EVEN WITH TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND HE NOTED LIKELY COST SAVING IN WITHDRAWAL. HATOYAMA RETORTED THAT IT CHEAPER TO MAINTAIN US FORCES IN KOREA THAN IN US AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, NECESSARY US FOLLOW-UP FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TO KOREA WOULD OFFSET ANY SAVINGS IN WITHDRAWAL. HATOYAMA THEN NOTED US MAINTAINS ITS NATO TROOP STRENGTH AND SUGGESTED THAT COMPARISON COULD LEAD TO CONCLUSION THAT US COMMITMENTS IN ASIA WERE WEAKENING. WHEN JAMIESON POINTED OUT PRESIDENT PARK ACCEPTANCE OF US INTENTIONS, HATOYAMA CONCEDED POINT BUT QUESTIONED HOW KOREAN PUBLIC WILL REACT. WHITTLETON NOTED EXTAFF SPECULATION THAT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 OTTAWA 05371 211731Z

LAST HATOYAMA COMMENT IMPLIED SOME DIFFICULTIES FOR PARK AMONG KOREAN PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY MILITARY.

5. JAMIESON-HATOYAMA BILATERALS INCLUDED LITTLE ECONOMIC DISCUSSION. BRITISH COLUMBIA PREMIER BENNETT, HOWEVER, SAT IN FOR 45 MINUTES AND SOUGHT HATOYAMA COMMITMENT FOR LONG-TERM JAPANESE CONTRACTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA COAL AND INDICATIONS THAT CANADA WOULD GAIN GREATER SHARE OF JAPAN'S COAL IMPORT MARKET. BENNETT GOT NO ASSURANCES ON EITHER POINT.

6. WHITTLETON INDICATED THAT BOTH PLENARY SESSION AND MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS REPRESENTED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WIDE VARIETY OF ECONOMIC TOPICS BUT PRACTICALLY NOTHING IN WAY OF FIRM DECISION OR COMMITMENT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT CANADIANS HAD NOT EXPECTED THE LATTER AND FELT THAT SESSIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL FROM GOC POINT OF VIEW SINCE "WE GOT AT LEAST A SNIFF OF THEIR INTENTIONS."

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WHITTLETON FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO GENERALIZED AND OFTEN VAGUE NATURE OF MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY PLENARY AND WORKING GROUP SESSIONS, HE MADE IT

PLAIN THAT EXTAFF WAS SATISFIED WITH OVERALL RESULTS OF THE SESSIONS. MEETINGS DEMONSTRATED, HE SAID, THAT JAPAN CLEARLY INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING MOMENTUM IN GROWING BUSINESS/INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS REGARD, HE NOTED THAT JAPANESE DELEGATION INCLUDED 22 TOP OFFICIALS. OBVIOUSLY, HE ADDED, JAPANESE INTEREST IN CANADA REMAINS PRIMARILY AS SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS, BUT JAPANESE ARE COMING TO REALIZE THAT CANADA IS DETERMINED TO INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF EXPORTS OF PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED GOODS TO JAPAN. ENDERS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC COOPERATION, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 21-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977OTTAWA05371
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770221-0639
Format: TEL
From: OTTAWA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770635/aaaabeug.tel
Line Count: 125
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: fc496479-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 OTTAWA 5164
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2082823
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CANADA-JAPAN ECONOMIC MEETINGS, JUNE 13-14
TAGS: ECON, EIND, EINV, PFOR, JA, CA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/fc496479-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009